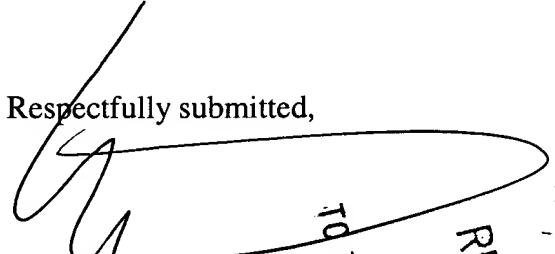


The Examiner indicated restriction to one of several inventions is required under 35

U.S.C. § 121. Applicant hereby elects without traverse the claims of Group II, Species E (Claims 194-214 and 217 for further prosecution in this application. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application at a later date capturing e.g., the subject matter recited in claim 157.

Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 5, 2000. A check in the amount of \$190.00 is enclosed for the extension of time fee. If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5040-03703/EBM.

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